

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating that claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 22 are allowed.

According to the Office Action, claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,737,957 (Petrovic). In response, in order to conclude the prosecution of the application Applicant cancels claim 12 without prejudice and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action. The rejection of claim 12 is thereby obviated and moot.

It is believed that the case is ready to be passed to allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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